



# The Inspired Word of God

## Part 10

This chapter will focus on the many “hidden sevens” not always immediately visible by using searches on the number “7” or word “seven”. These are virtually obscured and have to be discovered through an intense examination of Scripture. At this level, one requires a greater understanding of the Bible. As many of these examples will show, the “hidden sevens” allude to the scanning process of identification. I have been at this study nearly 40 years, and continually discover new patterns, many of which I have read more than a few times and still missed their discovery. I prefer to refer to these as “Diamonds and Nuggets of the Bible.”

The phrase “**Could Not**” is found 259X (7 x 37) times in the King James Bible. Here are “seven” examples of man’s outright failure of ‘could not’s’.

- ◆ An Impossible Task. To be justified by law: “**...could not be justified**” -(Acts 13:39).
- ◆ An Incompetent Ritual: The sacrifices under law: “**could not make... perfect**” -(Hebrews 9:9).
- ◆ An Inadequate Medium: “**What the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh**” -(Romans 8:3).
- ◆ An Incomparable Saviour: “**He could not be hid**” -(Mark. 7:24).
- ◆ An Impassionate Cry: “**They could not cure him**” -(Matthew 17:16).
- ◆ An Immovable House: “**...could not shake it**” -(Luke 6:48).
- ◆ An Indifferent State: “**...could not believe**” -(John 12:39; Hebrews 3:19).

Daniel's testimony regarding God's protection is explicit. There are “seven” things about the protection in Daniel 6:19-23. It was:

- ◆ Divine in its help, for it was “**God**” who shielded him.
- ◆ Personal in its benefit, for Daniel said, “**My God.**”
- ◆ Angelic in its medium, for the “**angel**” shut the lions' mouths.

- ◆ Responsive in its blessing. There are three reasons given why Daniel was delivered: **"innocency was found"** in him; he had **"done no hurt"** to the king; and he **"believed in his God."**
- ◆ Gladdening in its outcome, for the king was **"exceeding glad"** when he found Daniel safe.
- ◆ Delivering in its end, for Daniel was **"taken out of the den."**
- ◆ Perfect in its service, for **"no manner of hurt was found upon him"**

The word for **"span"** in Hebrew is זֶרֶת ("zereth") and it is found "seven" times in the King James Bible. This noun means **"a span"** in the sense of the span of a hand. It is the name of a standard unit of measure for length (though the precise length does change periodically). It is the distance between the thumb and the little finger of an outspread hand probably equal to half a cubit (these terms are parallel, spoken of in Ezekiel 43:13, 17). It is found in (Exodus 28:16 (2X); 39:9 (2X); 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 17:4; Isaiah 40:12; and Ezekiel 43:13).

The dimensions of the breastplate of the high priest were given in spans -(Exodus 28:16; 39:9). In the Temple described by Ezekiel, the altar was to have a rim one span wide -(Ezekiel 43:13). The height of the giant Goliath was "six cubits and a span" -(1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 17:4). Speaking of God's unique greatness, the prophet Isaiah challenged, **"Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure?"** -(Isaiah 40:12).

The word **"evidence"** occurs "seven" times in the King James Bible: Jeremiah 32:10, 11, 12, 14(2X), 16; Hebrews 11:1. The evidence of the believer is what God looks at:

- ◆ The evidence of faith is works, even as the fruit proves the tree—James 2:14-26.
- ◆ The evidence of love is sacrifice, even as the act evidences the heart—1<sup>st</sup> John 3:16.
- ◆ The evidence of discipleship is continuance, even as the walk demonstrates the life which moves—John 8:31.
- ◆ The evidence of union is fruitfulness, even as the child proves the parent—John 15:5.
- ◆ The evidence of grace is godliness, even as the sunlight proclaims the sun—Titus 2:11, 12.
- ◆ The evidence of friendship is consistency, even as the pulse speaks of the heart—John 15:14.
- ◆ The evidence of the new birth is love, righteousness, and victory—1<sup>st</sup> John 5:1, even as the living person proves life.

The phrase **"Forget Not"** is found in the King James Bible 56X (7 x 8) times. A short memory is bad and certainly to forget the Lord's things is an act of ingratitude.

1. **"Forget not the Lord"** -(Deuteronomy 6:12; 8:11, 14, 19). Ponder why He is not to be forgotten, as stated in the above Scriptures.
2. **"Forget not how thou provokest the Lord thy God"** -(Deuteronomy 9:7). Remember past sins, and let them not be repeated.
3. **"Forget not the works of God"** -(Psalm 78:7). Think upon His works if thou wouldst be large-minded, and provoked to praise.

4. **"Forget not all His benefits"** -(Psalm 103:2). His benefits are beneficial and manifold.
5. **"Forgot not My Law"** -(Proverbs 3:1). To forget God's Word is to ignore our responsibilities, and shut ourselves out of blessing.
6. **"Forget not" "to do good and to communicate"** -(Hebrews 13:16). To be a blessing to others is to bless ourselves.
7. **"Forgot not the humble"** -(Psalm 10:12). Jehovah will not forget the "crushed" and "humbled" therefore we should help them too.

The word **"forgiven"** occurs 42X (7 x 6) in the King James Bible: In the several instances where Christ said to individuals **"Thy sins are forgiven,"** are full of meaning, and illustrate how He forgives all sorts of sinners.

1. The Paralyzed Sinner - **"Thy sins be forgiven thee"** -(Matthew 9:2, 5)
2. The Diseased Sinner - **"If he hath committed sins, they shall be forgiven him"** -(James. 5:15)
3. The Weeping Sinner - **"He saith unto her, thy sins be forgiven thee"** -(Luke 7:47, 48)
4. The Trespassing Sinner - **"Having forgiven you all trespasses"** -(Colossians 2:13)
5. The Iniquitous Sinner - **"Whose iniquities are forgiven"** -(Romans 4:7)
6. The Transgressing Sinner - **"Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven"** -(Psalms 32:1)
7. The Atoned-for sinner is forgiven, and He above **"Makes an atonement for him, for his sin... and it shall be forgiven"** -(Leviticus 4:20, 26, 31, 35; 5:10, 13, 16, 18; 6:7)

#### **Fourteen (7 x 2) things done to Jesus Christ**

1. Spat in His Face—Matthew 27:30
2. Buffeted His Cheeks—Matthew 26:67
3. Bound His Hands—Matthew 27:2
4. Scourged His Back—Matthew 27:26
5. Stripped His Body—Matthew 27:28
6. Lacerated His Head—Matthew 27:29
7. Plucked Off His Hair—Isaiah 1:6
8. Took Away His Garments—Mark 15:24
9. Mocked His Person—Matthew 27:29, 39-47
10. Condemned Unjustly—Luke 23:41
11. Libelled His Mission—Mark 15:29, 30
12. Taunted His Works—Mark 15:31
13. Spiked His Feet—Psalm 22:16
14. Speared His Side—John 19:34

#### **"Seven" evidences of what it means to be fully saved:**

- Are you saved from all doubt, and do you enjoy full assurance of faith? This is the privilege of all believers as the sons of God.—(John 5:24; Romans 8:16; Galatians 3:13; Colossians 2:13, 14; 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:10-13).

- Are you saved from the dominion of sin and enabled to overcome the evil impulses of your natural heart? This is fully provided in Christ's great redemption. He is made unto us Sanctification.—(Romans 6:11-22; 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:2-4).
- Are you saved from the world, its spirit, love, and aim? Christ's people are a separated people. The true believer overcomes the world.—(Galatians 5:24; Titus 2:12-14; 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:15, 16).
- Are you saved from Satan's power and temptations, and do you triumph in His strength over all the power of the enemy?—(Romans 8:37; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 2:14; Colossians 1:13).
- Are you filled with the Holy Spirit as the light, life, joy, and power of your being? This is the very substance of Christ's salvation.—(John 14:23; 15:11; Acts 5:32; Ephesians 5:18).
- Are you consecrated to the service of God, and working together with God for the Kingdom of Jesus and the souls of men?—(John 15:14; Romans 12:1, 2; Daniel 12:3; Matthew 28:18-20).
- Are you saved from sickness and all Satan's power over your body?—(Exodus 15:26; Psalms 103:3; 107:20; Matthew 16:19; Isaiah 53:4; James 5:14, 15).

### The word "**happy**" is found 28X (7 x 4) times in the King James Bible

1. Source of Happiness. "**Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help**" -(Psalm 146:5). When we are helped by God we are in a happy condition.
2. Receivers of Happiness. "**Happy is that people whose God is the Lord**" -(Psalm 144:15). When Jehovah the Unchanging One is our God, every case is met by Him.
3. Soul of Happiness. "**Happy art thou, O Israel... people saved by the Lord**" -(Deuteronomy. 33:29). When we are saved by the Lord we cannot help being happy with Him.
4. Meaning of Happiness. "**Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee**" -(Psalm 128:2) These are twin blessings which come to the one who fears the Lord and walks in His ways.
5. Feeders of Happiness. "**Happy are ye if ye do them**" -(John 13:17). So our Lord declares to those who do the things of His example.
6. Helper of Happiness. When "**for righteousness sake**" we suffer for Christ, the Lord says "**happy are ye**" -(1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:14).
7. Condition to Happiness. "**Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he**" -(Proverbs 16:20), for he that trusteth in the Lord brings everything to Him in prayer, and thus finds God comes into everything in power.

King Ahasuerus sent "seven" eunuchs to bring Queen Vashti to him in Esther 1:10. The word "**Judgment**" occurs 294X (7 x 42) times in the King James Bible. Jeremiah chapter 25 addresses the theme of judgment 14X (7 x 2) times. The language in the chapter is most emphatic in its statements declaring God's acts of judgment:

- The Messenger of Judgment. "**I will send**" -(vs. 9)
- The Scope of Judgment. "**I will destroy**" -(vs. 9)
- The Misery of Judgment. "**I will take from them the voice of mirth**" -(vs. 10)
- The Stroke of Judgment. "**I will punish**" -(vs. 12)

- The Desolation of Judgment. **"I will make it desolate"** -(vs. 12)
- The Certainty of Judgment. **"I will bring to pass all My words which I have pronounced"** -(vs. 13)
- The Righteousness of Judgment. **"I will recompense them according to their deeds"** -(vs. 14)
- The Effect of Judgment. **"Be mad because of the sword that I will send among them"** -(vs. 16)
- The Crushing of Judgment. **"Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send"** -(vs. 27)
- The Awfulness of Judgment. **"He will mightily roar"** -(vs. 30)
- The Place of Judgment. **"Jehovah will roar from on high"** -(v. 30.)
- The Shout of Judgment. **"He will give a shout"** -(vs. 30)
- The Universality of Judgment. **"He will plead with all flesh"** -(vs. 31)
- The Subjects of Judgment. **"As for the wicked, He will give them to the sword"** -(vs. 31)

The phrase **"Lifted Up"** occurs 329X (7 x 47) times in the King James Bible

- Eyes lifted up. **"Lifted up their eyes"** -(Matt. 17:8).
- Voice lifted up. **"Lifted up her voice"** -(Luke 11:27).
- Head lifted up. **"Lift up your heads"** -(Luke 21:28).
- Hands lifted up. **"Lifting up holy hands"** -(1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:8).
- Soul lifted up. **"Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul"** -(Psalms 25:1).
- Heart lifted up. **"Let us lift up our heart unto God"** -(Lamentations 3:41).
- Wings lifted up. **"Lifted up their wings"** -(Ezekiel 10:19).

Proverbs 9:1 talks about the "Seven" **pillars of faith**. The life-giving faith of truth of Christianity may be summarized under the seven pillars of wisdom—Proverbs 9:1

1. The Pillar of Christ's Unique Incarnation. **"God manifest in the flesh"** -(1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:16).
2. The Pillar of Christ's Unparalleled Life. **"God was with him"** -(Acts 10:38).
3. The Pillar of Christ's Unanswerable Testimony. **"A man approved of God"** -(Acts 2:22).
4. The Pillar of Christ's Unlimited Atonement. **"God set forth"** -(Romans 3:25).
5. The Pillar of Christ's Unprecedented Resurrection. **"God raised Him from the dead"** -(Acts 10:40).
6. The Pillar of Christ's Uniting Spirit. **"God saith, I will pour out My Spirit"** -(Acts 2:17).
7. The Pillar of Christ's Universal Reign. **"God hath appointed,"** etc. -(Acts 17:31).

The word **"riches"** occurs 98X (7 x 14) times in the King James Bible. Jeremiah 9:23 says: **"Let Not the Rich Man Glory in His Riches"** A leader in a 1929 newspaper gave the following report: *"Seventy-nine millionaires and eighty-eight bankers committed suicide in the United States in one year; which proves once more that the mere possession of wealth does not produce happiness or contentment of mind. The eternal struggle for money is based on the false assumption that wealth unlocks the doors to the Elysian fields (Greek term for heaven on earth) on earth. Yet no sooner has the goal been reached than the winner of the race finds himself still surrounded by human problems and difficulties in many cases more irksome and exhausting than*

those from which he has just escaped. The truly rich man is the philosopher who is satisfied, not to be a sluggard or mere drone, but who fills the niche in life for which he is best fitted; who looks on money as a means to an end, and not the end of all, and who cherishes health and the goodwill of his fellows above the mere gathering of gold. The contented poor man never commits suicide. He is the one to be envied by millionaires." When gold is our god how poor we are! When money is our objective, what subjective slaves we are to its rule.

1. Riches are Unreliable. **"He that trusteth in his riches shall fall"** -(Proverbs 11:28). Anything short of God will fail us.
2. Riches are Uncertain. **"Riches certainly make themselves wings and fly away"** -(Proverbs 23:5). When we think we have got them, they are gone.
3. Riches are Unsatisfying. **"Neither is his eye satisfied with riches"** -(Ecclesiastes 4:8). Gold is not bread, and riches cannot feed the heart.
4. Riches are Unproductive. **"Deceitfulness of riches choke the Word"** -(Matthew 13:22). Riches promise much, but produce nothing.
5. Riches are Unprofitable. **"How hardly shall they that have riches enter the Kingdom of God"** -(Mark 10:23). Riches block the way to higher things.
6. Riches are Unsettling. **"Trust not in uncertain riches"** -(1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:17). If we trust in anything short of the living God, we shall find ourselves unsettled.
7. Riches are Unfruitful. **"Your riches are corrupted"** -(James 5:2). A corrupted thing cannot produce anything that is beneficial.

Most modern English translations spell the word **"Saviour"** as **"Savior"** which is an American spelling that came into use through the corrupted Westcott & Hort New Critical Greek text; it is the basis of all perversions published since 1900. The British spelling of the King James Bible is the "seven" letter word **"Saviour"**.

The KJV translates Strong's (H3467) in the following manner: save (149x), saviour (15x), deliver (13x), help (12x), preserved (5x), salvation (3x), avenging (2x), at all (1x), avenged (1x), defend (1x), rescue (1x), safe (1x), victory (1x).

Only the King James Bible spells it as **"Saviour"**. The British spelling even has an acrostic for the "seven" letter word:

- **S**aves from sin by His grace—(Ephesians 2:5)
- **A**tones for sin by His blood—(Romans 3:25, 26)
- **V**ivifies from sin by His life—(Romans 5:11)
- **I**nspires to love by His love—(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:14)
- **O**btains an inheritance by His power—(Hebrews 1:3, 4)
- **U**nifies to Himself by His Spirit—(1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:13)
- **R**eceives to glory at His return—(John 14:3)

## In Hosea 13:14 and Hosea 14:4, 5 there are “seven” “I Wills” of Grace:

1. The *“I will”* of resurrection. *“I will ransom thee from the power of the grave.”*
2. The *“I will”* of redemption. *“I will redeem thee from death.”*
3. The *“I will”* of retribution. *“O death, I will be thy plagues.”*
4. The *“I will”* of removal. *“O grave, I will be thy destruction.”*
5. The *“I will”* of restoration. *“I will heal their backsliding.”*
6. The *“I will”* of regard. *“I will love them freely.”*
7. The *“I will”* of refreshment. *“I will be as the dew unto Israel.”*

Everyone would bet on a “sure thing”. Would you like to bet against the idea that the pattern of “Seven” is God’s Covenantal Number and Signature identifying the real Author of the King James Bible? The words in italics are one and the same in the original.

1. A Sure Revelation in God's Word. *“The sure word of prophecy”* -(2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:19).
2. A Sure Promise to Faith. *“Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end that the promise might be sure to all”* -(Romans 4:16).
3. A Sure Election and Calling by adding to faith what the Lord enjoins. *“Make your calling and election sure”* -(2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:10).
4. A Sure Confidence. *“Our confidence stedfast unto the end”* -(Hebrews 3:14). The word *“stedfast”* is the same as *“sure”* in the above Scripture.
5. A Sure Anchor of Hope. *“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast”* -(Hebrews 6:19).
6. A Sure Hold. *“Hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end”* - (Hebrews 3:6).
7. A Sure Trust. *“Our hope (trust) of you is stedfast”* -(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1:7).

## The Seven R's of Christ's Return:

- Revelation of Christ—(John 14:3; Acts 1:8; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:7; Revelation 22:7, 12, 20).
- Resurrection of Sleeping Believers—(1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:23; 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- Redemption of the Body—(Romans 8:23; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:51-54; Philippian 3:20, 21).
- Regeneration of Israel—(Hosea 6:2; Ezekiel 37; Amos 9:11-15; Acts 15:16).
- Restoration of Creation—(Romans 8:19-22; Acts 3:21).
- Renovation of the Earth—(Isaiah 55:13; Psalms 67:6; Isaiah 65:17-25).
- Reign of Christ—(Psalms 72; Luke 1:33; Isaiah 32:1; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:25; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:1; Revelation 22:5).

In an earlier segment of this series, I shared the words of a biologist speaking to the “seven” stages of Metamorphosis that brings humanity the wonder of the butterfly. Those who have deluded themselves into believing the lie of evolution are confronted with questions so complex and compound that they box themselves into accepting that Metamorphosis could evolve.

"Michael Pitman, who taught biology at Cambridge, asks how it would be possible for metamorphosis to have evolved: 'Within this dry shell the organs of the caterpillar are dissolved and reduced to pulp. Breathing tubes, muscles and nerves disappear as such; the creature seems to have died. But processes are in operation which remolds that pulp into different, coordinating parts, and in due course the insect, which has not grown up or developed in any normal sense, re-emerges as a beautiful, adult butterfly. It is a kind of resurrection. Certainly it demonstrates the absurdity of invoking natural selection by successive mutation to explain such an obviously, yet subtly programmed, process. Why, on that basis, should the ancestral insect have survived the mutations that projected it into the chrysalis stage, from which it could not yet develop into an adult? Where was natural selection then? How could pre-programmed metamorphosis, in insect, amphibian or crustacean, ever have evolved by chance? Indeed, how could development have evolved piece-meal? The ball is in the evolutionist's court, tangled in a net of inexplicability' - ('*Adam and Evolution*', pg. 71). Even if we assume that a caterpillar could evolve from something else, how could evolution proceed beyond that to the pupa and the butterfly? Why would a happy little 'evolved' caterpillar, merrily eating its way through succulent leaves, decide to spin a silk pad and form itself into a pupa? And if somehow this came into its thinking process, how could it learn to do such an amazingly complicated thing? And why? And even if this somehow happened, and the caterpillar mysteriously dissolved into a biological soup, that would be the end of it. How would the dissolved caterpillar ever rearrange itself into a different creature unless this entire process was already programmed into its genetic makeup? Genetic mutations and natural selection stand mute before metamorphosis. Furthermore, the caterpillar cannot reproduce. It has no sex organs. If it does not go through the death and rebirth of metamorphosis and become a butterfly, it has no way to perpetuate itself. It had to have had the ability to undergo metamorphosis from the very beginning in order to exist! The metamorphosis process had to have been perfect from the beginning. A partial metamorphosis would mean death to the creature. The process must form a perfect butterfly that can carry out the complicated mechanism of reproduction." Just as obvious as God's Creation of the butterfly is, - that "Seven" is the Signature of the Creator who gave us the Bible.



Rabbi Dr. Hillel ben David in his "*The Significance of The Number Seven*" provides us more insights to the Hebrew understanding of "**THE MAGNIFICENT SEVENS!**" The reader will note some repetition occasionally, as found in this compilation by a Hebrew scholar.

1.	Shabbat is the 7th day of the week
2.	There are 7 weeks in the counting of the Omer before Shavuot –(Leviticus 23:15)
3.	In Israel, there are 7 days of Passover and Succoth –(Leviticus 23:6, 34)
4.	Every 7th year, the land lays fallow during <i>Shmita</i> (Sabbatical year) –(Leviticus 25:4)
5.	After 7 cycles of <i>Shmita</i> , we have a Jubilee year ( <i>Yovel</i> ) –(Leviticus 25:8)
6.	When a close relative dies, we sit Shiva for 7 days
7.	On Succoth we shake 7 species - 1 Lulav, 1 Etrog, 2 willows, and 3 myrtles



8.	Yitro (Jethro), the first real convert to Judaism, had 7 different names, and 7 daughters (one who married Moses)
9.	Moses was born and died on the same day - the 7th of Adar
10.	Our Succah huts are “visited” by 7 guests - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Joseph and David
11.	The Menorah in the Temple had 7 branches
12.	Achashverosh, King of Persia during the miracle of Purim, held a party for 7 days – (Esther 1:5)
13.	There are 7 holidays in the Jewish year: Yom Teruah, Yom HaKippurim, Succoth, Chanukah, Purim, Passover, and Shavuot
14.	In addition to the 613 Commandments, the Sages added 7 more
15.	There are 7 Noachide Laws pertaining to all humanity
16.	At every Jewish wedding, 7 blessings are recited ( <i>Sheva Brachot</i> )
17.	Each Shabbat, 7 people are called to the Torah reading ( <i>Aliyot</i> )
18.	The first verse in the Torah contains 7 words (and 28 letters)
19.	Our Matriarch Leah had 7 children - six sons and one daughter
20.	There were 7 days of preparation for the construction of the Tabernacle in the desert – (Leviticus 8:35)
21.	Traditionally, the bride circles the groom 7 times under the Chuppah (wedding canopy)
22.	We wind the Tefillin straps around the arm 7 times
23.	Moses was the 7th generation after Abraham
24.	Each plague in Egypt lasted 7 days
25.	In Pharaoh’s dreams there were 7 cows and 7 stalks of grain –(Genesis 41)
26.	The Biblical contamination period typically lasts 7 days –(Leviticus 13:4)
27.	God created 7 levels of heaven. (Hence the expression, “I’m in 7th heaven!”)
28.	On Shabbat and holidays, we recite 7 blessings in the silent Amida
29.	There are 7 special species of produce by which the Land of Israel is praised: wheat, barley, grapes, pomegranates, figs, olives, and dates –(Deuteronomy. 8:8)
30.	The world has 7 continents
31.	The 7 weeks of the Omer correspond to the 7 “sefirot,” the 7 behavior traits in which we serve God: kindness, strength, beauty, triumph, splendor, foundation, and kingship
32.	Noah sent the dove and the raven out of the Ark for 7 days to inspect the weather conditions –(Genesis 8:10)
33.	7 nations warred with Israel: Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites, and Girgashites
34.	On Yom Kippur, the High Priest sprinkled the blood in the Temple 7 times –(Leviticus 16)
35.	The Jewish New Year of Rosh HaShana occurs, surprisingly, in the 7th month – Tishrei – (Leviticus 23:24)
36.	The Jewish calendar has a cycle of intercalation that contains 7 leap years during each 19-year period
37.	There are 7 notes on the musical scale
38.	A Kohen (priest) should participate in the burial of 7 relatives: father, mother, sister, brother, son, daughter, and spouse. -(Leviticus 21:2)
39.	We dance 7 circles ( <i>Hakafot</i> ) on the holiday of Simchat Torah

40.	The smallest allowable dimension of a Succah is 7 cubits by 7 cubits
41.	The world has 7 seas
42.	Joshua led the Jewish People around the walls of Jericho 7 times before the walls fell. (Joshua 6:15)
43.	Jacob worked for Laban for 7 years (twice) in order to marry his daughters. -(Genesis 29:27)
44.	The Holy Temple contained 7 gates of entry
45.	We recite 7 blessings every day before and after the "Shema" -- 3 in the morning and 4 at night
46.	The Talmud lists 7 female prophets: Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Avigail, Chuldah, and Esther
47.	A Jewish servant regains freedom after working for 7 years. -(Exodus 21:2)
48.	We conclude our Yom HaKippurim prayers by proclaiming 7 times, "The Lord is God!"
49.	A Jewish wedding is followed by 7 days of celebration ( <i>Sheva Brachot</i> )

Jews believe the rainbow with its seven colors reflected the beauty and divinity of the seven commandments of the Children of Noah (Noachide):

- Belief in God – do not worship idols
- Respect God and praise Him – do not blaspheme His name
- Respect human life – do not murder
- Respect the family – do not commit immoral acts
- Respect for others' rights and property – do not steal
- Respect all creatures - do not eat the flesh of an animal while it is still alive
- Creation of a judicial system – pursue justice

The sign of the covenant was the rainbow and it would serve as a permanent symbol of Divine Benevolence. It was the first time the rainbow had ever been seen in the world, although it had been created and readied for this moment at twilight after the sixth day of creation, between the time Adam transgressed and the Sabbath, when God rested from all He had made.



*Genesis 9:12-16*

The web site “Mystical Numbers” ascribes good fortune, luck, and other symbolic meaning to the number “Seven”. Some of these include:



## Meaning of Number 7

- \* Number 7 is the number of perfection, security, safety and rest.
- \* Seven contains the number three of the heavens and soul with the number four of the earth and body.
- \* The Pythagoreans called the number 7 “the Septad”.
- \* The seven colors of the rainbow.
- \* Isaac Newton identified the seven colors of the rainbow as red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.
- \* There are seven days in a week.
- \* There are seven notes to the diatonic scale.
- \* There are seven letters in the Roman numeral system.



## Seed of Life

Seven circles form the symbol called “The Seed of Life”. The Seed of Life symbolizes the six days of creation. The central circle symbolizes the day of rest.

## Libra is the seventh astrological sign in the Mazzaroth or Zodiac (September 22 – October 24)

- \* Number seven is the number of Neptune
- \* Number seven is lucky for Cancer and Pisces
- \* In the Tarot, seven is the card of the Chariot
- \* The Chariot is symbolic of the need to focus. Reversed it signifies inabilities to see things through.
- \* September means “the seventh month” in Latin
- \* The British fifty pence (50p) coin is a heptagon (seven sided)
- \* Nitrogen (N) has the atomic number 7
- \* Number 7 is the international country calling code for Russia
- \* Lotus Seven was an open top, two-seater sports car
- \* The opposite sides of a dice always equal the number seven when added



## Do Not Say Seven

- ◆ It is a common superstition that saying the word “seven” is bad luck at a craps table. Players refer to the number seven as “it”. Some players may even refer to seven as “the devil”.
- ◆ It is considered equally bad luck if the stickman gives a player dice with a total of seven face up.
- ◆ According to an old superstition, breaking a mirror will bring you seven years of bad luck.

## Snow White

Seven is the number of dwarfs in the fairy tale, Snow White

The seven dwarfs were named: Bashful – Doc – Dopey – Grumpy – Happy – Sleepy – Sneezzy

## Seventh President



Andrew Jackson was the seventh president of the United States. 1829 – 1837. He is the only U.S. President to ever pay off the national debt to the international banks of Europe. Andrew Jackson supported slavery and Indian Removal. Around 45,000 American Indians were relocated to the lands west of the Mississippi. He owned over a hundred slaves who worked hard on his cotton plantation. Jackson opposed The Second Bank of the United States. He was the first President to invite the public to the White House in honor of his first inauguration.

## Hit by Lightning

Roy Sullivan (1912 –1983) was hit by lightning seven times and survived all of them. He was a U.S. park ranger in Virginia.

## Birthday of Everyone

The seventh day of the Chinese New Year is known as “All Men’s Day” or the birthday of everyone!

## Seven Lucky Gods

In Japan there are Seven Lucky Gods. They have a ship called Takarabune, the Treasure Ship.

- ◆ They arrive in town every New Year and give gifts to all worthy people.
- ◆ Children will often receive red envelopes decorated with the Takarabune. Inside they find money gifts.
- ◆ The names of the Lucky Gods are: Hotei – Jurojin – Fukurokuju – Bishamonten – Benzaiten – Daikokuten – Ebisu
- ◆ The Festival of Seven Herbs (Nanakusa no sekku) is celebrated on January 7th of every year. The Japanese eat a seven-herb rice porridge for good health and longevity.



## The Hindu Wedding

In Hindu weddings, the bride and groom walk around the holy fire seven times during the wedding ceremony. A priest will read mantras as they are walking around the fire. After they have walked around the fire seven times, they take seven steps together. They say a vow for each of the seven steps.



## The Red String

Some Kabbalists wear a red string tied around their wrist. Many believe it is an amulet that will protect them against the evil eye.

Others say the red string helps them strengthen their character by remembering the good qualities of the biblical matriarch, Rachel.

Long strands of red string are wrapped seven times around the tomb of Rachel before they are cut to make bracelets.

The tomb of Rachel is close to Bethlehem. Thousands of pilgrims visit the tomb every year. This picture is from 1910.

## The Big Dipper/The Plough

The Cherokee peace flag had the seven stars of the Big Dipper as the motif. The stars were red on a white field.



On the Cherokee war flag the colors were the other way around; seven white stars on a red field.



There are seven Cherokee clans.

On the Cherokee flag the seal is surrounded by seven yellow seven-pointed stars. (The black star in the corner represents all those who died on the Trail of Tears.)

## Beheaded within the Tower of London

Seven people have been beheaded privately on Tower Green within the walls of the Tower of London.

- \* William Hastings, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Hastings -June 13, 1483
- \* Anne Boleyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of King Henry VIII – May 19, 1536
- \* Margaret Pole, Countess of Salisbury -May 27, 1541
- \* Catherine Howard, 5<sup>th</sup> wife of King Henry VIII -February 13, 1542
- \* Jane Boleyn, sister-in-law of Anne Boleyn- February 13, 1542
- \* Lady Jane Grey, the Nine Day Queen- February 12, 1554
- \* Robert Devereux, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Essex – November 10, 1601

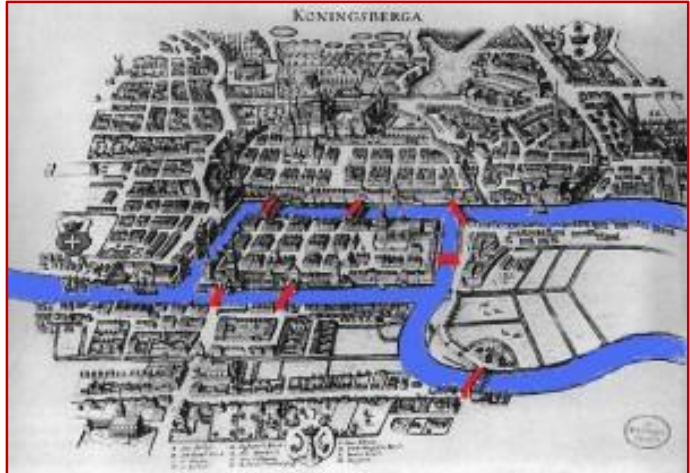


- ◆ Seven Dials in London is an intersection of seven roads. Today one will find a shopping village at Seven Dials. The picture shows the Seven Dials Sundial Pillar.
- ◆ Agatha Christie wrote a mystery novel called “The Seven Dials Mystery”.
- ◆ Seven Sisters is a district of the London Borough of Haringey, North London. The name originates from seven elms which were planted in a circle on an area known as Page Green.
- ◆ The group was known as the Seven Sisters by 1732. Seven Sisters station is a National Rail and London Underground Victoria Line station.
- ◆ The “Seven Sisters” of Moscow is a group of skyscrapers designed in the Stalinist style.
- ◆ The Seven Sisters is a waterfall made up of seven separate streams in Geirangerfjord, Norway. The tallest one has a free fall that measures 250 meters.

## The Seven Bridges of Königsberg

The city of Königsberg in Germany (now named Kaliningrad in Russia) was on both sides of the Pregel River, which included two large islands which were linked together and the mainland by seven bridges.

The Seven Bridges of Königsberg is a famous historical mathematical problem. The challenge presented was to find a walk through the city that would cross each bridge completely once and only once.



The islands could not be reached by any route other than the bridges. Leonhard Euler (1701 - 1783) was a Swiss mathematician and physicist. He set out to find a solution. Euler is known for what in mathematics is referred to as Euler's Law. Euler's Law is a mathematical property along with *Pi* and *Phi*, and it is encoded in the text of John 1:1 via Hebrew Gematria.

After taking on the challenge Euler concluded that the problem has no solution. The conclusion by Leonhard Euler in 1735 laid the foundations of graph theory.

**Se7en (1995)** is the title of an American crime film directed by David Fincher and written by Andrew Kevin Walker. It stars Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman, Gwyneth Paltrow, R. Lee Ermy and Kevin Spacey.

The murders in the movie correspond to each of the **seven deadly sins**. According to Wikipedia, they are arranged according to the standard list; they are pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth, which are also contrary to the seven virtues. These sins are often thought to be abuses or excessive versions of one's natural faculties or passions (for example, gluttony abuses one's desire to eat).

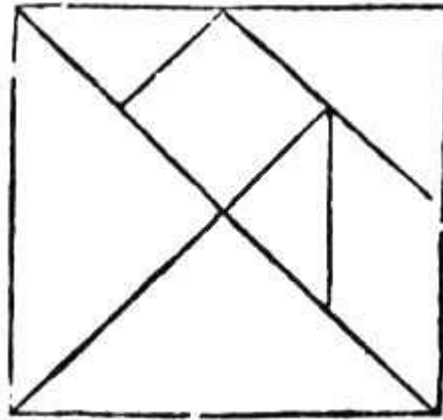
**Se7en** is the stage name of South Korean pop singer Choi Dong-Wook (born November 9, 1984). He has won many awards.

**Lucky 7 (2003)** is a TV film starring Patrick Dempsey and Kimberly Williams. It is about a woman whose dying mother predicts she will marry her seventh boyfriend.

**USS Hope (AH-7)** was a hospital ship (launched August 30, 1943); it was nicknamed "Lucky 7".

## Tangram

The tangram is a puzzle consisting of seven flat shapes, called tans



The objective is to form a specific shape (given only a silhouette) using all seven pieces

There are thousands of different tangram challenges for enthusiasts

## Seven Lucky Crazy Girls

In Las Vegas go seek out the Riviera Hotel and find the bronze statue of the Seven Vegas Showgirls lined up in a row with their derrières showing.

For good luck in this gambling city it has become popular to rub each of their bottoms, which by the way stay shinny from all the rubbing.

The statue is named "No Ifs, Ands, Or..." It weighs 1,540 pounds and was made by Michael Conine.

## Seven, the Template for Mankind

The number seven is a number of completeness, divine perfection or something that is finished, as in the creation week in Genesis one. Even though God spends six days in creating the earth, He could have done it all on one day but I believe God is giving a pattern for mankind to follow. That is, God is showing that since He worked six days, so should we. God rested on the seventh day, not that He was tired but was given as an example for us to follow. In fact, we are commanded to both work six days and to rest on the seventh as given in the Fourth Commandment in Exodus 34:21 ***"Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest you shall rest."*** Notice that God says ***"Six days you shall work"*** signifying that mankind is commanded to work for six days before being commanded to rest; therefore both work and rest are commanded and by His doing so, He gives us a pattern or an example of which we are to follow. Creation and the designation for a week were both completed and finished in seven days which indicates that seven is a number of completion or a



finished work. God's use of the number "seven" elsewhere in Scripture frequently has meaning and purpose as we shall read later on.

### **Other Biblical Significances in Seven:**

- No animal could be sacrificed until it was seven days old -(Exodus 22:30).
- The Lord would discipline Israel up to sevenfold (up to seven times) if they refused to obey Him (Leviticus 26:18).
- Jesus mentions seven woes (or judgments) on the unrepentant in Matthew 23.
- Jesus also mentions seven parables in Matthew 13.
- There were seven letters to the seven churches in the Book of Revelation (2, 3).
- There were also seven trumpets announcing judgments by God in the Book of Revelation.
- There were seven signs given in the Gospel of John.
- There were seven pairs of clean animals that were received into the Ark (Genesis 7:2).
- Elisha told the military commander Naaman to bathe in the Jordan River seven times and he would be healed of his leprosy -(2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:10).
- There were seven qualities or attributes of the Messiah mentioned in Isaiah 11:2.
- There are seven things that the Lord hates mentioned in Proverbs 6:16.
- There were seven stems on the lampstand in the tabernacle -(Exodus 25:37).
- There were seven angels pouring out seven bowls of the wrath of God in the Book of Revelation (16:1).

There are so many other references to the number seven that this article could go on and on but I believe you are able to see the point. The number seven in the Bible represents divine perfection, totality or completion and is mentioned at least 490X times. God created mankind and beasts on the sixth day and so six is a number that represents mankind and also represents created things. Even the number 666 mentioned in the Bible where the number of the beast is also called the number of man -(Revelation 13:18) so just as six is symbolic or representative of mankind, and seven is symbolic of God's work and just as six falls short of seven by one number, so man will always fall short of God's standard -(Romans3:23).

I urge you to avoid putting great stock in the significance of the actual number "seven" when you see it in the Bible because sometimes the number "seven" simply means the number of "seven" and it may have no special significance to it at all. This is even more so when we encounter the number "seven" in our everyday life. It is not a lucky number or the number of God. God is not tied to any created thing or ascribing luck to it. He is sovereign over all things and all circumstances.

One of the books noted in the beginning of this series was authored by Ed Vallowe. The title is '*Biblical Mathematics*'. Ed Vallowe devotes an entire chapter is devoted to the number "Seven". Ed Vallowe's book first grabbed my attention in 1994 because of my interest in the

fascinating study of Biblical numbers. It is with great appreciation and honor that I share his chapter on the number “Seven” with readers. We can overlook any duplicity here since, for all intent and purpose, Ed Vallowe is the one who began to make numbers in the Bible popular.

### **The number SEVEN is one of the most significant numbers in the Holy Bible**

**This is a chapter from the book, “Biblical Mathematics” written by Evangelist, Ed F. Vallowe**

When man began to analyze and combine numbers, he developed other interesting symbols. He took the perfect world number FOUR and added to it the perfect divine number, THREE, and got SEVEN, the most sacred number to the Hebrews. It was earth crowned with heaven -- the four-square earth plus the divine COMPLETENESS OF GOD. So we have SEVEN expressing COMPLETENESS through union of earth with heaven. This number is used more than all other numbers in the Word of God, save the number ONE.

In the Book of Revelation the number SEVEN is used throughout. There are SEVEN churches, SEVEN Spirits, SEVEN stars, SEVEN seals, SEVEN trumpets, SEVEN vials, SEVEN personages, SEVEN dooms, and SEVEN new things. SEVEN symbolizes Spiritual Perfection. All of life revolves around this number. SEVEN is used over 700 times in the Bible. It is used 54 times in the Book of Revelation.

The whole Word of God is founded upon the number SEVEN. It stands for the SEVENTH day of the Creation Week, and speaks of the Millennial Rest day. It denotes COMPLETENESS or PERFECTION.

In Leviticus 23:15-16, the number SEVEN and the Sabbath, which was the SEVENTH day, is connected with the word COMPLETE. The word COMPLETE follows after the words “SEVENTH SABBATH” (Seventh day). The day following the SEVENTH sabbath there was something NEW that took place.

The word FINISHED is also connected with the number SEVEN. In Revelation 10:7 we read, ***“In the days of the voice of the SEVENTH angel, when he shall begin to sound the mystery of God should be FINISHED.”***

“It is DONE” is another expression found in connection with the number Seven. ***“And the SEVENTH angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne saying, It is DONE.”*** -(Revelation 16:17)

The word CREATED is used SEVEN times in connection with God’s creative work. -(Genesis 1:1; Genesis 1:21; 1:27 (3X); 2:3; and 2:4). God created all things in the beginning and then took six days of restoring His creation and then rested on the SEVENTH day. -(Genesis 2:1-3). He appointed SEVEN days for the week, and most, if not all advanced nations reckon time in that way: SEVEN days to the week. Few ever stop to think of why there are SEVEN days in a week. Do atheists and infidels give God and the Bible credit for it?

There are SEVEN notes in the musical scale. All other pitches are only variations of these. When the musician uses the eighth note he goes back to “Do” and starts over. Man named the notes but God fixed the sounds, even as God fixed the days of the week, and man named them.

Noah took the clean beasts into the ark by SEVENS -(Genesis 7:2) SEVEN days after Noah went into the ark the flood came. -(Genesis 7:10) Peter tells about the long-suffering of God waiting in the days of Noah. -(I Peter 3:21) Those SEVEN days COMPLETED God’s time of waiting.

Before Aaron and his sons entered their priestly work they were consecrated SEVEN days. -(Leviticus 8:31-36) Here is a picture of a life COMPLETELY or WHOLLY consecrated or dedicated to the Lord for service.

On the day of atonement the high priest sprinkled the blood upon the mercy seat SEVEN times. -(Leviticus 16:14) This is a picture of the COMPLETENESS of the redemptive work of Christ. ***“By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”*** -(Hebrews 9:12).

When Christ offered Himself that FINISHED the sacrificial offerings. They were ended. No longer must we place sacrifices upon an altar.

When Israel took the city of Jericho, God told them to march around the city SEVEN times. Thus, on the SEVENTH day, when they marched around the city SEVEN times, they COMPLETED their marching. -(Joshua 6:1-16).

There were SEVEN FEAST days of our Lord. -(Passover, Unleavened, First-fruits, Pentecost, Atonement, Trumpets and Tabernacle). -(Leviticus 23:1-44).

There were SEVEN branches on the CANDLESTICK in the Holy Place in the Tabernacle and this pictures the COMPLETE light of God for the souls of man.

Solomon was SEVEN years in building the Temple and kept the Feast for SEVEN days. Job had SEVEN sons. When his friends came to visit him they sat SEVEN days and SEVEN nights in silence, and afterward they were required to offer a Burnt Offering of SEVEN bullocks and SEVEN rams. Naaman washed SEVEN times in the Jordan. The Saviour spoke SEVEN words from the Cross. SEVEN men of honest report were chosen to administer the alms of the church in Acts 6:1-7. There were SEVEN years of plenty and SEVEN years of famine in Egypt during the days of Joseph.

SEVEN times in the Book of Revelation blessings of the Lord are promised to His people. These are called the “BEATITUDES” of Revelation. These are found in Chapters 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14.

There are SEVEN Dispensations -- Innocence, Conscience, Government, Patriarchal, Law, Grace, and Millennial Age.

SEVEN times the Book of Life is mentioned in the Bible. The Book of Revelation is a Book of SEVENS. We have SEVEN churches, SEVEN seals, SEVEN Trumpets, SEVEN Personages, SEVEN vails (sic), SEVEN dooms, SEVEN new things. SEVEN SEVENS make up this Book. It is the COMPLETENESS of all things.

Jesus said to “forgive SEVENTY times SEVEN“ In other words, He is saying, “Keep on forgiving until you are complete.” Even the duration of Israel’s great punishments was based upon this law of SEVENS. Their captivity in Babylon was for SEVENTY years, ten periods of SEVENS. -(Jeremiah 25:11-12; Daniel 19:2).

Life operates in a cycle of SEVENS. Changes take place in the body every SEVEN years. There are SEVEN bones in the neck, SEVEN bones in the face, SEVEN bones in the ankle, and SEVEN holes in the head. Most births are multiple of SEVENS. The hen sits three weeks (21 days); the pigeon two weeks (14 days); after having laid eggs for two weeks. Of 129 species of Mammalia the majority have a period from conception to birth of an exact number of weeks, a multiple of SEVEN.

Human physiology is constructed on a law of SEVENS. Children are born to mothers in a certain number of weeks usually 280 days, a multiple of SEVENS. Fevers and intermittent attacks of gout, ague, and similar complaints have a period of operation of SEVEN, FOURTEEN or TWENTY-ONE days known as critical days.

All departments of nature are marked all over with mathematics. In this realm practically everything is in SEVENS. Notice next time the shape of frost when it crystallizes on the window. Notice the small snow flakes. It is wonderful how God formed everything in a pattern of SEVENS.

It would be well for the reader to always remember the SEVEN means COMPLETENESS or SPIRITUAL PERFECTION. Whenever you come to a SEVEN in the Word of God, read the meaning, and the message is plain.

The SEVENTH time Noah’s name occurs is where it is said, **“Noah was a just man, and PERFECT in his generations.”** -(Genesis 6:9).

In the second chapter of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar had a dream of a great image whose head was of gold, arms and breasts of silver, his belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet of iron and clay. -(Daniel 2:31-33). Daniel told him that he was the head of gold -(vs. 37-38) In the next chapter Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold to be worshipped. At that time he called together SEVEN kinds of officials to the dedication of the image: (1) princes, (2) governors, (3) captains, (4) judges, (5) treasurers (6) counselors, (7) sheriffs. The penalty for refusing to worship that image was death by being cast into the burning fiery furnace. THREE Hebrew children refused to worship the image and were cast into that furnace of death, and brought forth alive, thus picturing the resurrection, signified by the number THREE. That furnace was heated SEVEN times hotter than it had ever been. Here is a COMPLETE DELIVERANCE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE from the power of death. -(Daniel 3:1-27). When those THREE Hebrew children came out of that

furnace of fire, or death, there was not a trace of fire upon their bodies or their clothing. When Christ brings His people out of death there will not be a trace of death left on them. They will be COMPLETELY delivered from its power.

- The Hebrew word for “seven” occurs a total of 392X times in the Bible. This is not only a multiple of seven but of seven times seven,  $392 = 8 \times 7 \times 7$ . 392 is also remarkable for being the sum of the square of seven and the cube of seven, ie.  $392 = (7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7 \times 7)$ .
- The expression ‘times seven’ is used as a number by itself and appears 287X times.  $287 = 41 \times 7$ . It may be nothing more than a strange coincidence that the word seven is used exactly “seven” times in Genesis chapter “seven”. Then again, it may not.
- It is used in conjunction with other numbers to make a composite number (such as ‘one hundred and seven’) 105X times. (note  $105 + 287 = 392$ ).  $105 = 15 \times 7$ . This number also has the interesting property of being the lowest multiple of 3, 5, 7. The three consecutive odd numbers are also primes after one itself.
- The word “seven” is often used more than once in a verse. So the number of verses in which it appears will be less than the total number of times it is used. It turns out that the word “seven” appears in 343 verses.  $343 = 7 \times 7 \times 7 = 343$ . There is therefore 49X times when seven is used more than the first time in a verse, or there are 49 repeat uses.  $49 = 7 \times 7 = 49$ .
- There are two other words used in the Old Testament to mean “seven”. The aramaic word (*shib-aw*) is used six times. A long form of the Hebrew word for “seven” (*shib-aw-naw*) is used once. In total these other words are used “seven” times.
- The Hebrew word for a seventh (*shěbiy`iy* sheb-ee-ee’) occurs 98X times.  $98 = 2 \times 7 \times 7$ . Note that not only is this a multiple of seven but of “seven times seven’, just as was the total number of occurrences of the word “seven”.
- The word for “sevenfold”, or “seven times”, (*shib-aw-thah*) occurs “seven” times.
- The word for “seventy” (*shib-eem*) occurs 91X times.  $91 = 13 \times 7$ .
- There are ten other words derived from the same word as “seven”, meaning fullness or completeness. Together they appear a total of 434X times in the Bible.  $434 = 62 \times 7$ .
- The number of times that the word for “seven” or one of its derivative numbers (seventh, seventy etc.) appears in the entire Bible is  $392 + 7 + 98 + 7 + 91 = 595$  in the Old Testament. Add the 105 occurrences from the New Testament and we have the remarkable number 700 or  $(7 \times 100)$ .
- Taking the number of 700 arrived at above, if we add the other 434 occurrences of words derived from the same root in the Hebrew we get a total of 1,134. Naturally this is a multiple

of “seven”, but it is also a multiple of 3 which also fulfills the pattern seen in the occurrences of “seven” in the New Testament.  $1,134 = 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 7$ .

- The total number of words based on the Hebrew and the Greek words for “seven” is, sixteen in the Old testament and five in the New Testament. Making a total of twenty-one words, this again fills the pattern of both “sevens” and threes.  $21 = 7 \times 3$ .

The Hebrew word “**Breastplate**” חֲזֵה (“**chāzeh**”) is found 28X (7 X 4) times in the King James Bible. “**Chāzeh**” refers to the “**breast piece**” of sacrificial animals. It may be a technical term in the Hebrew Bible, and it is not used exclusively of sacrificial animals. All of its occurrences are found in Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers.

Maranatha, Lord Come,

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